Accordingly, Phenformin has been prohibited for manufacture and sale in the country *vide* Gazette Notification No. GSR 780(E) dated 1st October, 2003.

Construction of Mangalore Fishing Harbour

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SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Karnataka Government had in respect of the construction of Mangalore Fishing Harbour IInd stage, submitted a revised estimate of Rs. 144.667 lakhs for approval;

(b) whether a balance of Rs. 42.333 lakhs towards the Central share has not been released yet; and

(c) if so, by when the approval of the Central Government on the revised estimate and release of funds are likely to be expected?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Union Government in September 1997 had accorded approval to the proposal of Government of Karnataka for expansion of the existing fishing harbour at Mangalore as state-II at a cost of Rs. 75 lakhs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). The project was to be completed by September 2003 as per extension granted. The Central share to the tune of 50% cost of the project was released in two instalments to the State Government, the first instalment of Rs. 30 lakhs in July 2000 and the second of Rs. 7.50 lakhs in June 2003. On scrutiny of the revised cost estimate proposal submitted by the Government of Karnataka it has been observed that the cost escalation in the project has mainly occurred due to deviation from the approved design, addition of new items/facilities and higher tender cost. The State Government has been requested to furnish adequate justification for the above.